

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 11 - 17, 2024

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| Day | Moon rises | South | Moon sets | % Illum/Phase |
|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Monday | 08:25 AM | 02:46 PM | 09:20 PM | 3% |
| Tuesday | 08:52 AM | 03:38 PM | 10:36 PM | 8% |
| Wednesday | 09:22 AM | 04:30 PM | 11:52 PM | 16% |
| Thursday | 09:55 AM | 05:25 PM | | 25% |
| Friday | 10:33 AM | 06:21 PM | 01:06 AM | 35% |
| Saturday | 11:19 AM | 07:17 PM | 02:16 AM | 1st Quarter |
| Sunday | 12:12 PM | 08:13 PM | 03:19 AM | 56% |



Look to the south after dark to see some of the best constellations of the year, with Orion sliding west from the south, Taurus and the Pleiades leading the way and bright Jupiter in the west. Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, and Gemini is high overhead. As you gaze at the stars, listen for the “peent” of the American woodcock, and boreal chorus frogs.



Sun

Jupiter west at dusk; Venus very low E at dawn.

| Day | Gets light | Sunrise | Sunset | Gets dark |
|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Monday | 06:41 AM | 07:37 AM | 07:24 PM | 08:21 PM |
| Tuesday | 06:39 AM | 07:35 AM | 07:25 PM | 08:22 PM |
| Wednesday | 06:38 AM | 07:34 AM | 07:26 PM | 08:23 PM |
| Thursday | 06:36 AM | 07:32 AM | 07:27 PM | 08:24 PM |
| Friday | 06:35 AM | 07:31 AM | 07:28 PM | 08:25 PM |
| Saturday | 06:33 AM | 07:29 AM | 07:29 PM | 08:26 PM |
| Sunday | 06:31 AM | 07:28 AM | 07:30 PM | 08:27 PM |

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

- § It's going to be a windy week, as is characteristic of the month of March. One thing the wind carries is eastern red cedar pollen, so if you have pollen allergies, you'll notice it!
- § There are still waterfowl to observe in your area reservoirs near you and it's Sand Hill Crane season in Nebraska. In the Lawrence area check out Clinton, Perry, Hillsdale, Pomona, Douglas County State Lake, or a quick trip up to Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge. Any eagles you might see now are probably sticking around are sitting on their eggs.
- § March showers create conditions that are ideal for indirectly observing animal activities through their tracks in the mud, before the growing vegetation and biting critters make it harder to find a good footprint. Take a picture and look online for a good match if you're not sure what it is.
- § When the wind dies down, expect to see smoke columns in the sky as controlled grass burns continue into early April. These are set to prevent woody encroachment into prairies and to stimulate new grass growth.
- § Daylight Savings Time isn't the only reason our evenings are light; we will gain 15 minutes of daylight during this week alone as we head toward the Spring Equinox on March 20. Many nesting and mating behaviors of birds and some other animals' hormones are triggered by the longer photoperiod.
- § Sad to say I saw my first active tick: time to start checking!